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SUBJECT: 57TH ECOSOC - COORDINATING COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT

1. COORDINATING COMMITTEE, WHICH OPENED ITS PROCEEDINGS WITH CONSIDERATION OF ITEM 21, COORDINATION, HAS HAD DIFFICULTY GETTING UNDERWAY, AT LEAST IN PART, OWING TO THE BUREAU'S PRACTICE OF TAKING ITEMS OUT OF THE ORDER ESTABLISHED BY THE AGENDA, WHICH IN TURN IS DUE IN PART TO AN EFFORT TO COORDINATE THE COMMITTEE'S SCHEDULE WITH THE TRAVEL AND WORK PLANS OF SA OFFICIALS. THUS 21B (FAO) WAS TAKEN UP AT OUTSET BECAUSE FAO/DG BOERMA COULD ONLY BE AVAILABLE ON JULY 4. ITEM 21B (ITU) WAS CONTINUED ON JULY 8 TO COINCIDE WITH ITU/SG MELE'S SCHEDULE. SIMILARLY THE SECOND PART OF 21C (INFORMATION SYSTEM) HAS BEEN PUT OFF UNTIL JULY 12 WHEN UNESCO'S D/DG FOBES, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF INTERORGANIZATIONAL BOARD ON INFORMATION SYSTEMS, PLANS TO VISIT GENEVA. THERE HAVE BEEN MURMURS OF DISCONTENT ON THE PART OF A FEW MEMBERS AT THIS PERHAPS EXCESSIVE SHOW OF COURTESY TO WISHES OF AGENCY OFFICIALS BUT SUCH DISCONTENT HAS YET TO MANIFEST ITSELF SERIOUSLY.

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2. THE ONLY COMPLETED ACTION AS OF COB JULY 9 WAS

COMMITTEE DECISION UNDER 2LF TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF DRAFT AGREEMENT WIPO AND ECOSOC NEGOTIATING BODIES ON WIPO ACCESSION AS MEMBER OF UN FAMILY. AFTER A NUMBER OF MINOR RESERVATIONS BY A FEW MEMBERS, NOTABLY INDIA, JAPAN AND FRANCE AND A GENERAL RESERVATION BY USSR, THE AGREEMENT WAS APPROVED BY CONSENSUS WITHOUT AMENDMENT.

3. OTHER PARTS OF AGENDA ITEM 21 HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH IN BITS AND PARTS AS FOLLOWS:

21A: (MACHINERY FOR PROGRAMS AND COORDINATION). ON JULY 5 NETH SUGGESTED A DECISION TO DEFER ACTION UNTIL 57TH EXTENDED SESSION ON BASIS THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE REACH A CONSENSUS OF DIVERSE VIEWS IN INTERIM. UNFORTUNATELY THIS MOVE, WHICH HAD OUR CONCURRENCE AND THOSE OF OTHER PRIMARILY INTERESTED DELS WAS UPSET BY ARGENTINA WHICH HAS SUCCEEDED IN HAVING FINAL CONSIDERATION DEFERRED TO JULY 17.

21C: ACC REPORT (OTHER THAN INFORMATION SYSTEMS ITEM) WAS INTRODUCED BY NARASHIMAN ON JULY 5. WILL BE TAKEN UP PROBABLY ON JULY 11.

21D: ACC/CPC MEETING NOT DISCUSSED AT ALL TO DATE.

21E: AGREEMENTS WITH SA'S - ALSO NOT RAISED TO DATE.

21G: (PRIORITIES). INTRODUCED ON JULY 5 SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH AT AFTERNOON SESSIONS ON JULY 8 AND 9. FURTHER DISCUSSION NOW POSTPONED UNTIL JULY 11 OR 12 TO ALLOW FOR A MEETING OF GROUP 77 ON THIS SUBJECT. ISSUE SEEMS TO BE (RELUCTANT) PREFERENCE BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR INCREMENTAL PRIORITIES AND GROWING FRUSTRATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT PRIORITY SYSTEMS OFFERED NOT RESPONSIVE TO DECISION OF 6TH SPECIAL SESSION. LDCS HAVE TENDED SUPPORT THEMATIC APPROACH AS MORE EMBRACING AND FLEXIBLE (VAGUE).

4. MORE DETAILED INFO ON DISCUSSIONS THESE SUBJECTS WILL BE CONTAINED OTHER TELS.

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